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RUMOR HAS IT....

A BIG FRANCHISE IS IN
TALKS WITH A STORE
FRONT ON THE ISLAND



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WHO CLAIMED THE
VICTORY FOR "THE
CALLING OF THE
CLANS?"

SEE THE WINNER ON
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JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF THE
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We hope this issue brings many smiles. First, April Fool's Day, and one thing is certain, we Islanders certainly have an authentic sense of humor. I have met Robert Redford (he is charming and very attractive even without Photoshop), but he is obviously not producing the sequel to Dan Burton's documentary. We love all of our military and welcome them to our beaches for sunbathing but it will not be for a tactical exercise. Since not everyone drives like Amy, a toll road on Kings Highway may increase the safety of our people and natural resources, it is not happening. While we had some playful fun with our front page April Fool's Day stories, we do have some amazing stories and news to share with you all. We hope that you enjoy the real life on the Beaver.

Please reach out if you want to publish an article in the Northern Islander. Feel free to email me (the editor) at editor@beaverislandhistory.org.

I am proud to announce this issue marks a major milestone as we celebrate our ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY. On behalf of the Northern Islander and the Beaver Island Historical Society, we would like to thank our subscribers, contributors, advertisers, and supporters. Without each of you we would not have progressed this far so quickly. In our first year, we tripled our subscriptions, increased our reach, established a dedicated team, and helped to foster local journalism with our writers and students who help preserve the passion and drive of our community, island history, and culture by delivering real stories and news. (See details below)

This paper was always on our coffee table and I remember reading it as a little beaver. In my 25+ years of advertising with iconic brands and multiple awards, this position has far exceeded my expectations and happiness. Serving this Island Community is a great honor and I promise to continue to strive for improvement and excellence. Thank you for the opportunity to be your Editor and Creative Director for the Beaver Island Historical Society.

I am looking forward to our continued partnership and delivering a quality product that you will happily place on **your** coffee table.
Kind Regards,
Amy Marschner



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THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CELEBRATES THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
NORTHERN ISLANDER!

*Join us on April 5th @ 6pm at the Print Shop Museum for
light refreshments & beverages!*



Print Shop Perspective

Since 1957, The Beaver Island Historical Society has been working to keep Beaver Island History Alive! We advance this goal through a mission of preserving and sharing the unique history of Beaver Island and the Archipelago.

As our Editor Amy writes, we’re very proud of our accomplishments in our first year of the Historical Society publishing this hallowed newspaper. And we had a lot of fun with the April Fool’s headlines. Hope you enjoyed them.

On the more serious side, in this issue we have our first guest opinion column, an Op- Ed in journalism slang, from Bob Tidmore on page 17.

Newspapers print Op-Eds (an abbreviation for opposite the editorial page) as a public service. Quoting Merriam Webster, “An essay in a newspaper or magazine that gives the opinion of the writer.” Their purpose is to stimulate an informed discussion and debate. With civility, integrity and respect. In our specific case, in the interest of a better Beaver Island.

Our responsibility at the Northern Islander as the Publisher is to share this forum with individuals of merit and experience. People who have something to say, that others may want to hear and benefit from. Or, disagree with.

We encourage and invite our readers to submit an Op-Ed for consideration. In contrast to Bob Tidmore, or another subject they wish to put under the spotlight. If printed, it won’t be edited or changed. Only word typos, grammar will be corrected.

We also welcome Letters to the Editor. Not as long as an Op-Ed, feel free to comment on any article you see in the paper. Summertime Soon!

George Broder
Executive Editor



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- Pride knowing that you support the mission of the Historical Society

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- Support recognition at all live events
- Option to host your holiday party at the Print Shop Museum in December or January
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Subscribe to the Northern Islander \$42 for a regular subscription or \$57 for a First-Class Subscription Purchase a copy of the Beaver Beacon - \$10 in person or \$12.50 for a mailed copy.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

St. James and Peaine Township: Joint Communications

“Over the past six weeks St. James and Peaine Township have been diligently collaborating to create printable information for the Visitors Guide. The information was developed after holding public listening sessions on Short Term Rentals to gather input from year-round residents and rental home homeowners surrounding areas that may or may not need to be addressed with the influx of visitors to the island. Our first identifiable goal was “education” and is our initial focus heading into the Summer. Peaine Township will also start an anonymous “Hotline” to report safety, security, or environmental damage concerns, available for reporting from all Beaver Island residents and guests. We hope you enjoy the information we’ve developed. We look forward to a wonderful, safe Summer Season.”

Beaver Island’s Good Guest Guide

Safety

DO NOT HANG UP WHEN CALLING 911. It take up to 30 seconds for an operator to answer

ORVs and SUVs are permitted on County Roads Only. See the island ORV map for detailed information for your riding pleasure

Locate all fire extinguishers and smoke detectors in the house before settling in

For everyone’s safety, fireworks are prohibited at all times and all places on Beaver Island except as permitted per Michigan law

Fire bans are common on the island due to forest fire risk. Bans can be issued by either the Fire Chief, your rental or both. Fire bans MUST be followed. Check the daily fire indicator signs located around the island before lighting a fire in the designated location of your rental, if permitted

Sustainability

What comes to the island must leave the island! If containers are provided, please recycle to reduce the cost of waste leaving the island

Please use green bags provided to dispose of trash only

Recycling and trash should be taken to the “Transfer and Recycling Center” located at 36770 East Side Dr.

Please compost if a bin is available. Reducing food waste in green bags reduces island costs to remove trash

Respect the island’s fragile environment by staying on marked trails, refrain from removing flowering vegetation, disturbing wildlife habitats, and, to protect our dark skies, turn off unnecessary lighting when not in use

Specifics

Beaver Island uses septic tanks. Please be mindful of excessive flushing and overuse of water. Health code limits capacity to 2 people per bedroom

Park at your rental only in designated parking areas. Do not block the road or other driveways

Your pet must be leashed at all times when not on your rental property. Pick up waste

Take only pictures, leave only footprints. Endangered species live here

Excessive noise is a violation of a township ordinance. Respect your neighbors by observing quiet hours beginning at 10pm

IMPORTANT: Immediately report disturbances, ORV/ATV activity on a beach or sand dune or watercraft harassing wildlife. Call 911 (for an immediate response) AND MNDR 800-292-7800 for natural resource damage

HELP US COLLECT DATA!! Call our CONFIDENTIAL recorded Hotline to report Short Term Rental concerns or disturbances: 231-448-3541

Funded by Peaine Township in collaboration with St. James Township

RECYCLING ON BEAVER ISLAND...What you should know

Call our Anonymous Hotline to report littering or trash concerns: 231-448-3541. For immediate response call 911

Beaver Island uses Single Stream Recycling

Single-stream recycling is a system in which all the recyclables, including newspaper, plastic, cans, styrofoam, glass, paper, metal, etc., are placed in a single bin or cart for recycling. Transporting recyclables costs the island \$0. That’s a huge win!

What are “Green Bags?”

Green bags are prepaid garbage bags for trash only. Green Bags should be filled with trash, not recyclables or food waste. By recycling and composting instead of putting these items in Green Bags, Beaver Island can reduce the volume of trash shipped off the island, reducing enormous cost

How do I compost if there’s no receptacle?

There are no laws requiring composting. If you do not have the means to keep food out of your green bags, educate your host or island contact of the importance

Should we separate aluminum cans like pop and beer cans?

We encourage separation of aluminum cans not because you have to but because it allows for additional funding for The Beaver Island Community School

Where can I buy Green Bags?

Small and Large green bags can be purchased at the Gas Station, Grocery Store, Hardware Store, and Transfer Station

Where can I recycle?

The transfer and recycling station is conveniently located close to town at 36770 East Side Dr.

Hours are:

May thru October - 8am to 5pm

CLOSED: Sunday and Holidays

November thru April – 10am to 5pm

CLOSED: Sunday and Holidays

For detailed information on recycling, please visit recyclingraccoons.org

Some information and all raccoon pictures taken from recyclingraccoons.org

Funded by Peaine Township

Diagram of Single Stream Recycling process: Cans, Plastic, Glass, Styrofoam, Paper, Metal all go into a Single Stream bin.

Images of raccoons wearing sunglasses and a hat.

What’s the word on ORVs & ATVs?

Below you’ll find the answers to the most commonly asked ORV / ATV questions

You are responsible for following all MI laws related to ORVs and ATVs

Can we drive on County Roads?

You must follow posted signs and all safety regulations. 25mph

YES

Can we drive on the beach or dunes?

You will be subject to a fine and potential loss of privileges

NO

Can we drive in downtown St. James?

You must follow posted signs and all safety regulations. 25mph

YES

Can we drive our ATV at night?

Without headlights, taillights, & brake lights, you will be subject to a fine

NO

Are helmets required?

You are required to follow all safety regulations

YES

Can we drive on the trails?

You will be subject to a fine and potential loss of privileges

NO

Is there an age limit to driving on the roads?

Anyone under 16 requires an ORV safety certificate & a parent/ guardian

YES

Can we drive on DNR dedicated natural lands?

This is strictly prohibited

NO

Please respect and protect Beaver Island!

The 2/27/24 Primary Votes are In			
Times Cast	39/356 10.96%	53/325 16.31%	
Joseph R. Biden Jr	31	37	
Dean Phillips	1	2	
Marianne Williamson	3	6	
Uncommitted	3	7	
Total Votes	38	52	
Unresolved Write-In	0	0	
Times Cast	74/356 20.79%	61/325 18.77%	
Ron DeSantis	2	1	
Nikki Haley	36	26	
Vivek Ramaswamy	1	0	
Donald J. Trump	33	31	
Uncommitted	2	2	
Total Votes	74	60	
Unresolved Write-In	0	0	
St. James Community School Operating Millage	Peaine Two	St. James Two	
Times Cast	126/356 35.39%	61/325 18.77%	
Yes	95	98	
No	29	29	
Total Votes	124	127	
Unresolved Write-In	0	0	

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE WORKING FOR OUR ANCESTORS, COMMUNITY, AND THE NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS

By Annette VanDeCar & Melissa Wiatroluk

As LTBB’s Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Melissa Wiatroluk calls it the most healing work she’s ever done. “I believe they (the ancestors) pick you to do this work,” she said. “It’s the most unselfish job I’ve ever had. You’re not doing it for yourself or your ego, you’re doing it for the ancestors, the community and the next seven generations. It’s an honor to do this. I’m grateful to carry out the culture and traditions of our ancestors.”

The Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, the Native American Graves & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Representative and the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural and Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA) Representative are all housed under LTBB’s Tribal Historic Preservation Office per WOS 2019-006 Tribal Historic Preservation Office Statute with Wiatroluk filling all three roles. Tribal historic preservation provides tribes with an avenue for consulting with federal and state agencies regarding impacts to tribal traditional cultural properties, historic sites and asserting our sovereignty at all government levels. THPO’s duties fall within LTBB’s 1855 Reservation.

“Wes (Wes Andrews, LTBB’s first Tribal Historic Preservation Officer) submitted a work plan to the National Park Service (NPS) and LTBB achieved THPO status,” Wiatroluk said. “It established our government-to-government relationship, so we have a seat at the table with state and federal agencies when it comes to the land. You’re exerting sovereignty on the land and water issues.”

THPO was made possible by the National Historic Preservation Act as amended in 1966. This act allows federally recognized tribes to assume some or all the state’s historic preservation duties, enables a tribe to protect and identify historic places in ways that conform to tribal values, enforces tribal and federal preservation laws, to identify and nominate historically significant places to the National Register of Historic Places and to the Odawa Historic and Cultural Site Registries and to preserve traditional cultural properties within our reservation area.

The late Wes Andrews, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, served as LTBB’s first Tribal Historic Preservation Officer from 2012-2019. Andrews also served as the Archives and Records Director, Historic and Cultural Preservation Officer and NAGPRA designee. Tribal Council honored him at its October 11, 2018 meeting with a special tribute and gifted him a Pendleton blanket. Wiatroluk, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, was born into the LTBB culture and traditions from her mother, the late Debbie Wiatroluk, and community members, and through the Three Fires Midewin Lodge.

“I gained an abundance of experience from Wes and Ellie (Andrews), my mother (who worked at Andrew Blackbird Museum in Harbor Springs, MI) and the community,” said Wiatroluk, who served as the Deputy Tribal Preservation Officer from May 2017-2019. “Your strength comes from your teachers, and teachers are everyone.”



The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 or NAGPRA provides a process for federal agencies and museums that receive federal funds to repatriate or transfer from their collections certain Native American cultural items - human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony - to lineal descendants and to Indian tribes, Alaska Native corporations and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Through a NAGPRA claim submitted by Wes Andrews, LTBB received notification from the New York State Museum in December 2017 that the museum would return a “Grandfather Drum” derived from the Midewin or Medicine Lodge Society to LTBB. LTBB citizens and family members traveled to New York to transport the “Grandfather Drum” home and held a feast to celebrate its homecoming.

“With the return of the ‘Grandfather Drum,’ it brought people together and healed our community,” Wiatroluk said. “I feel the ancestors guide me in my work. I feel like I’ve found my purpose. My life has changed for the better, and it has helped me grow so much as a person. Like Wes says, you put your culture and traditions first.”

Turtle mound, located on the tribe’s Osborne Road property in Readmond Township, MI, is where reburial ceremonies are held for our ancestors who come home from successful NAGPRA/MACPRA work.

MACPRA consists of all the federally recognized Indian tribes and the two state historic tribes from the State of Michigan. Each tribe has a designee who represents them and is the voice of their tribe. The main concern and charge of this alliance is the protection and preservation of all tribal resources, past, present, and future. This includes but is not limited to former habitation areas; ancestral burials; associated and unassociated grave goods; and all other traditional cultural properties of sacred and cultural importance.

Wiatroluk has worked for LTBB for 20 years, working as the tribal receptionist, Executive Assistant to the Tribal Administrator, Housing Department Administrative Assistant, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. She is currently serving on the Harbor Springs Historical Society as a Trustee, LTBB Tribal Burial Board Secretary, and LTBB Election board.



CALLING FOR MUSEUM DOCENTS

BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, SUMMER WILL BE HERE AND THE MUSEUMS WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING THIS SEASON? A \$25 STIPEND IS AVAILABLE FOR EACH SHIFT IF DESIRED.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE OPEN SHIFTS ON FRIDAYS AT THE PRINT SHOP MUSEUM (11-2 AND 2-5) PLEASE CONTACT LORI @ 231-448-2254 OR DIRECTOR@BEAVERISLANDHISTORY.ORG

OTHER SEASONAL SHIFTS AVAILABLE

APRIL IS STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

CHRONIC STRESS CAN AFFECT EVERY ORGAN AND SYSTEM IN THE BODY AND EVEN CAUSE DISEASE. TALK TO YOUR PROVIDER.

FATIGUE
TAUT MUSCLES
SKIN IRRITATIONS

HEADACHES



BODY

CONSTRICTED BREATHING



MIND

WORRYING
INDECISION



STRESS IMPACT ON HEALTH

IRRITABILITY
LOSS OF CONFIDENCE
INDIFFERENCE



EMOTIONS

DEPRESSION



LONELINESS
RESTLESSNESS



BEHAVIOR

LOSS OF APPETITE



BEAVER ISLAND RURAL HEALTH CENTER



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ELKS SHARE

LODGE #2886
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TIME: 6:30 PM
PEAINE TOWNSHIP HALL
36825 KING'S HIGHWAY
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WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT APRIL ON THE ISLAND?

By Amy Marschner

Many of our islanders have retreated back to the mainland to await better weather before heading back to paradise. However, we have literally dozens of reasons to book a flight on Fresh Air and or Island Airways to visit your favorite Island retreat. Below are some highlights of the fun that the Beaver Island Community is bringing your way for April. Our goal is to provide activities for all ages that will allow endless memories and smiles. Regardless of the weather, we have something for everyone. This month the island is getting prepared to get their “Shamrocks” on while attending some of our local events. Additional details can be found on page 19 or at the BI Center website.



ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

- Talking Threads every Tuesday at 9 am @ Peaine Township
- COA Bingo every Wednesday at 1 pm
- Euchre Night every Thursday at 6 pm at the Wild Strawberry
- Senior Vets Coffee and Donuts every Friday at 9 am @ BIC
- BIHS Bingo on Friday, April 26 at 6:30 pm
- Adult movies every Saturday at 7 pm @ the BIC
- Let's get Quizzical on April 9 & 23
- Beach Party on April 13 at the BIC @ 7pm



WORSHIP

- Beaver Island Christian Church Worship every Sunday at 10am
- Holy Cross Sunday Mass every Sunday at 12:15pm
- Adult Faith Formation every Wednesday at 7pm @ the BICC
- Women's Bible Study every Thursday at 10am



GREAT FOOD

- All You Can Eat Pizza every Monday at the Shamrock at 5 pm
- Chinese-Inspired Chef's Choice every Tuesday
- Mexican-inspired Chef's Choice every Wednesday at the Shamrock starting at 1 pm
- Rotating daily specials at the Wild Strawberry Cafe
- Burger and Beer every Thursday at the Shamrock
- Thursday's Happy Hour @ the Wild Strawberry Cafe with discounted pints and small bites
- Friday night Cod & Saturday night Prime Rib at the Shamrock
- Sunday night hang-outs from 4-7 pm @ the Wild Strawberry Cafe (rotating dinner specials)



FAMILY TIME

- Time for Art on Wednesdays at 5 pm
- Family movies every Friday at 4 pm
- Hip-Hop Dance Event on April 25 (time TBD)
- View the Solar Eclipse at the Library on April 8 at 2 pm
- Seed Library Kick-off at 2 pm



KIDS CORNER

- Babies & Toddlers every Thursday at 10 am @ BIDL
- Story Hours with Maeve every Tuesday at 2:30 pm @ BIDL
- Library Pals (TBD)
- Kid's movies at the BIC every Saturday at 4 pm



EXERCISE

- Pickleball every Monday at 5:30 pm
- COA Cardio Drumming every Wednesday at 10 am
- Pickleball every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 10 am
- Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 am
- COA Chair Yoga every Tuesday at 10 am
- Senior Tai Chi every Thursday 11 am

For all the most up-to-date information visit: <https://biccenter.org/calendar/>



MEET EMILY RUDELL

I have been coming to the island since 1982. For 26 years it was our family’s summer vacation, which we spent with Grandma and Grandpa Ruddell on Donegal Bay. We started coming all summer in 2011. I became the Volunteer Coordinator for Baroque in 2016, when Linda Wearn handed it over to me! It is a fun job because it gives me a good excuse to talk to many different islanders. I also volunteer as a docent at the Print Shop Museum, where I learn more island history every week. I subbed one season as “the adult in the room” at the Hangout, upstairs in the community center, which gave me a young person’s viewpoint of island life. The island community is unique, caring and supportive. I feel lucky to be a part of it!

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MEET SUSAN JOHNSTON OOLE

By Michelle LaFreneire

Sue. I learned so much about her and her Island history in the one hour I was able to visit with her. What a lovely, kind , funny and sweet lady she is. And what a history! Sue’s story started before she was even born. Her grandparents, Evelyn and ‘Jack’ Johnston, being avid outdoorsmen, discovered Beaver Island in the 1940’s. By the mid to the late 1940’s her grandfather purchased land with the vision of building a lodge for like-minded hunting and fishing enthusiasts to gather to stay and take their meals . He wanted a place where they could meet and compare stories. They started building, and in the summer of 1950, while on a ladder helping to build his dream, he suffered an aneurysm. He was flown to Traverse City, and died the next day.

His wife wanted to continue on, and asked her youngest son Art to step in and oversee the completion of the project and then to manage it. It was named the Beaver Lodge, and is still known by this name. It is all I can do, to not say in my best Paul Harvey voice, “now you know the rest of the story.” I had never heard the story behind this and it thrilled me to learn about it. Sue was an only child as her mother had rheumatic fever in high school. When Sue was born, the doctors told her parents that the only thing that was going to save both her and her mother was prayer.. obviously it worked. This was only one of the many testimonies she gave me about her faith.

She went to school here from 1st grade through 5th grade. She shared a class picture from the 1952-53 school year. Of course in those days there was 4 grades to a room. If the pictures I took turn out to be good enough, I will have Amy, our editor, put them in with this article. Lots of familiar names and faces. They left because of her mothers health, but returned every summer. Fun fact: Who remembers Dr. Paul Nelson? He was their dentist in Grand Rapids. And her dad Art, helped build the first Nelson home on East Side Drive. Back to Sue though,

We had such a nice time, reminiscing, and comparing pet stories. She has 3 cats, two of whom live full time with her, and one who roams for long periods of time.. Another story Sue told me involving divine intervention, was the story of how a chance encounter with a man named Walter led to a lifelong friendship and was the catalyst for many things to come.

Sue talked to me about wanting to start a children’s choir at her church in Dayton, Ohio. Every other choir director told her, if you do this, you HAVE to teach the kids the musical “100% Chance of Rain”. She went to a conference at a University about The Arts in Worship. She took some classes, one of them about Sacred Dance. It was there that she met Walter. After 2 days of having lunch with him, and being interrupted several times by people asking for his autograph, she finally asked.. “Who ARE you?” Turns out, he was the man who wrote and composed the musical all of her choir director friends had told her about. For many years he supplied Sue with songs to teach her children, many of them he had not even published yet. She feels that God put these people and experiences in her path to prepare her for coming back to the island.



I, of course, asked her about MAD Camp. This was how I originally came to know of Sue . For those of you who don’t know, MAD stands for Music, Arts and Drama. It ran every summer for 20 years, starting in 1998. Marilyn Duda talked her into starting it.

She thought Marilyn was crazy! But when she thought about it, she realized that she could do it. She had a lot of people in her circle that could help her. MAD Camp began..Sue’s work career was spent at Western Michigan University. The first 20 years was spent in the Center for Disability Services and the last 10 in the Honors College as the Director of Advising. We talked about the beautiful sounds of the island, her favorite is Miller’s Marsh at dusk. The view is what everyone raves about, but at dusk.. the sounds are where it’s at. Sue is the genealogy girl for our Historical Society. I asked her how she became interested in that. She didn’t honestly know, but she is loving helping others find their history. She and Lynne Flanagan have been going through old files, organizing them. They have found so many cool and interesting things. One article they found in the archives was about Gull Harbor. Apparently the fossils found there are from sea creatures from 2 million years ago! And did you know that the steep bluff along Mrs. Reddings Trail was actually at one time the shoreline of the island? Sue has promised to let me know if she finds something exciting. Maybe Amy will let me write about it..

Thank Goodness for people like Sue who work so tirelessly to preserve our history. She even offers the guests of her Airbnb a Welcome to Beaver Island tour. She loves adding new tidbits of history to her tour every year.

In closing, Sue is a woman of faith, a life long learner, a kind soul and I believe I have made a new friend. I’m glad you returned to your childhood home. You are a very valuable part of our community. Thank you so much for having me in. Your Peanut Butter Pie will be delivered shortly.



NEWS FROM THE BEAVER ISLAND
COMMUNITY CENTER

BIC
Center

March saw your Community Center hosting a variety of vibrant activities and programs to keep the winter blues away, including a Mario Kart tournament, a St. Patrick’s-themed Paint & Sip class, a Shamrocks & Shenanigans event for kids featuring sidewalk art and face-painting, and an Easter Eggstravaganza for the little ones at month’s end.

April holds more special treats at the BIC Center, along with our regular programs. We’ve got two rollicking sessions of Let’s Get Quizzical! Trivia Night, the first on April 9, and the second April 23, one with a guest host to mix things up. That’s in addition to the COA-sponsored Quizzical Lite on April 20, a shorter version of the Tuesday night games.

Saturday, April 13 brings in spring with our second annual Beach Party! Last year’s hit duo Two Dudes in Flip Flops return to our stage so you can get in some early beach time with live music and fun, dishing up Jimmy Buffet-style Tropical Rock. We’ll have snacks and more to enjoy at this BYOB event, with tickets on sale at tickets@biccenter.org.

And April 25th boasts a student-focused Hip-Hop dance blowout, via an Artist-in-Residence program through BICS. We’ll have more information on that and all our offerings on the Community Calendar, the BIC Center tickets page, and our social media platforms, so stay tuned and get ready for spring at your Community Center!



BIC
Center

BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

APRIL 13

BIC
Center

7:30PM

beach party

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Beaver Island District Library

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APRIL IS.....

National Volunteer Month

Celebrate by volunteering at a local organization! The Library will need volunteers in May for our Spring grounds clean up and planting. Call the library and volunteer now!

Unsure where to volunteer? Sign up on the Beaver Island Volunteer list on Facebook. Organizations can also post to the Beaver Island Volunteers Facebook page when looking for help.



Celebrate National Garden Month! BIDL is now a SEED LIBRARY!

The Beaver Island District Library is starting a SEED LIBRARY! We are now on the Seed Library list and have signed up for the One Seed, One State program.

On April 20th at 2 p.m. we will kick off the Seed Library with free seeds, programming, food and more. Our goal is to share extra seeds with each other through the library. Bring your extras in anytime to add to the seed library. We are also planning to host regular programming to help with your gardens and harvests. Any locals who wish to share their expertise, contact the Library.!



In addition to National Garden Month, April 22nd is Earth Day. Idea #3 on their list is to plant a pollinator garden. Help critters out by planting native plants around your home. Native plants help provide species like insects and birds with food, shelter and proper habitat to reproduce.

Native plants are your best bets as the species in your area are specially adapted to pollinate the plants indigenous to their habitat. Creating a pollinator garden using Native Species will support local populations of butterflies, bees and other organisms that are critical to biodiversity.

Some pollinator favorites include alyssum, basil, the aptly-named butterfly bush, fennel, lavender, marigold, oregano, verbena and yarrow. Visit the Library on April 20th at 2 p.m. to hear how to create your own gardens and receive some seeds to get started.



Ready, Set, Library! Race to discover the possibilities at your library during National Library Week, April 7 – 13, 2024.

Libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. Find your crew at your library's author talks, workshops, and book clubs. Enjoy the scenic route through the stacks to find your new favorite story. Or take a virtual detour and see all the resources your library offers online.

No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—your library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library this National Library Week. Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line.



National Poetry Month is the perfect time to get creative and write some poetry. The Library is going to host a Poetry Contest. All who submit will be placed into a drawing for a prize. All poems will be included in our Beaver Island Poetry notebook with now and future year's efforts. Who knows? At some point we might publish them! We will also post them on our Facebook page for others to enjoy. The only requirement: it is your own work!

Send your submissions to Beaver Island District Library- through email: island.library@gmail.com, fax: 231-448-2801, snail mail: PO Box 246, Beaver Island, MI 49782 or hand deliver to the library! Send them before the end of April please!



IDITAROD PARTY!

On March 2, the library hosted the Iditarod Party. We had over 20 kids and adults who came to watch their favorite mushers leave the starting line for the 52nd running of the Iditarod Ceremonial Start in Anchorage, Alaska. Besides actually watching the start, participants could play Iditarod games, create a musher mobile, draw and color, complete puzzles, create a Lego challenge and eat some "Iditarod food" consisting of Takotna Pies, Skwentna Sweets, Puppy Chow and more.



Babies and Toddlers Mix Up also continues every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. Maeve Green has set up a variety of sensory and play areas for toddlers and babies to enjoy and time for the parents to visit.



LIBRARY PALS

Library Pals met again on March 13th with the 3rd and 4th grade classes. Anyone wishing to participate as a Pal, please contact Maeve at the Library.



Get Set Up at the BIDL

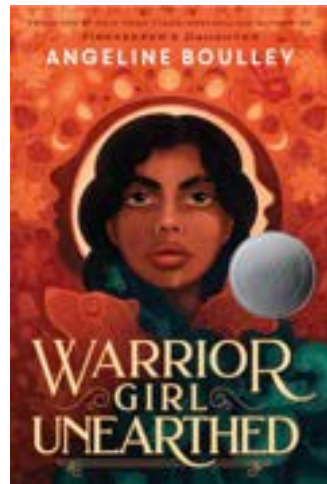
On March 19th COA and the library once again offered to help senior citizens get set up with the Get Set Up program through MDHHS. Offered free to all Michigan residents, Get Set Up offers a multitude of programs, classes and chats in many areas such as arts and crafts, exploration, finances, technology, travel, exercise, cooking and more. Get Set Up with GetSetUp! It is loads of fun!



The Benefactor's Bookshelf honors donations made to the Library's Endowment Fund in the amounts of \$100, \$200 and \$300 by creating a "Book spine". The book spines are 1", 2" and 3" corresponding to the amount donated. This donation is put into the Endowment Fund held by Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Founding Members were those who donated within the first year (now closed). Friends are those who make donations after the end of the first year. The wording on the book spine is up to the donor. The donor may choose to honor someone with just their name on the spine, or "In Memory of...". Some chose a favorite book, or a play on the words of a book's title (ex. The Old Man and Lake G). The donor may also choose the "picture" carved on the wooden spine (such as a horse, flower, etc...).

BOBI Book Club will be discussing Angeline Boulley's book, *Warrior Girl Unearthed*, at the April Book Club meeting on April 17th at 3 p.m. Boulley's first novel, *The Firekeeper's Daughter*, earned awards as a Michigan Notable and the Michigan Great Read for 2023.

This novel is also on the Michigan Notable list for 2024. The story is set in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.



VIEW THE SOLAR ECLIPSE ON APRIL 8th AT THE LIBRARY!

On April 8th, there will be a Total Solar Eclipse. Beaver Island will be able to see about 87% of the sun eclipsed by the moon. The Library is planning several activities surrounding this event including Citizen Science opportunities to record temperature and natural sounds during the eclipse, as well as before and after. There will also be a Smart Telescope on hand which can track the sun and display it on our big screen TV. (Courtesy of NASA and Jeff Gray with help from Dave Clark making it work for us). We will have sun/moon themed snacks and a couple of Dark Sky experts on hand as well. Activities and crafts will be available for the kids (and adults) to participate in.

The eclipse will start at 2 p.m. and continue until about 4:30, with the most totality (darkest) for us about 3:15 p.m.

Cloudy? No problem, we will still participate and watch it on the big screen from a non-cloudy location! There will not be another total eclipse in our area for over 20 years! So, get out and observe this natural phenomenon!

On March 23, the Library hosted a pre-eclipse party to get the locals excited about the upcoming eclipse. Many took the opportunity to sign up for Citizen Science through GLOBE and Eclipse Soundscapes. Also, the participants were able to check out the Smart Telescope which will be used during the Eclipse also.

What is the Benefactor's Bookshelf?

Annual Crockpot Cook-Off is Back!

By Olive Ledbetter & Zia Duffing

Beaver Island Community School has many different celebrations and fundraisers, but one of the favorites is back for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 1st, BICS was proud to finally have been able to hold the Crockpot Cook-off after all these years. The night of the event, the Islanders basketball teams played against their parents in a funny, lighthearted game, while community members filled themselves with all of the delicious dishes that volunteers prepared. Thank you to all the parents who participated, the help is hugely appreciated!

The BICS Crockpot Cook-off is a fundraiser for our athletics program. All money that was donated will be spent on our Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, and Cheer teams.

On behalf of Beaver Island Community School, thank you to all who brought crockpots full of food, desserts, and cakes. And, of course, a huge thank you to all who donated money towards our sports team! With all of the generous donations, we raised approximately \$1,600! In addition, the National Honor Society hosted a cake walk, thank you to all who participated, which raised an additional \$150 for the Food Pantry.

At the end of the event, the winners of the Cook-off were awarded a trophy, provided and 3-D printed by one of our juniors, Jason Shelby. Shout out to Theresa McDonough, who won first place with her white chicken chili, and Kevin Stipp, who took second place with his clam chowder!

Thank you to all who participated in this event, we couldn’t have done this without you! Let’s go, Islanders!



Spreading Irish Joy- BICS Annual Kids Concert

By Olive Ledbetter & Zia Duffing

Every Friday before St. Patrick’s Day, Beaver Island Community School celebrates the “Great Day”, with live music, fun, and dancing. Students come to school decked out in white, green, and orange clothing items. They pick out St. Patrick’s Day accessories such as fun hats, glasses, temporary tattoos, and more. This year, Briget Martin has volunteered to teach 3rd-6th graders an Irish jig that will be performed during the celebration, while the band “Danny and Friends” plays their Irish tunes. The whole school, as well as parents and several community members, come to BICS to enjoy the festivities!

A big thank you to everyone who made the event possible including Briget Martin for teaching our Ceili Dance class, Danny and Friends for their musical talent, and Ms. Deb Pomorski for ordering all of our Irish swag!



““On behalf of our students, their families, and the faculty, staff, and board of Beaver Island Community School, I thank the voters of Beaver Island for their continued support. 77% of the voters in our district voted yes on the operating millage--we value this vote of confidence. We are proud to be an integral part of the Beaver Island community and deeply appreciate community members making sure that we can continue our work.”

Wil Cwikel

Beaver Island Community School Benefits from C3F Endowment for Student Success

By Pam Decker

The Beaver Island Community School got a boost this past year from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation through three Endowment for Student Success grants.

Student Success grants are supported by the C3F Beaver Island Endowment for Student Success and through other special funds set up by donors to support this work on Beaver Island, such as the Caitlin Boyle Endowment for Student Success. These funds work together to award much needed grants to the Beaver Island Community School to support special projects as proposed by local school leaders. A Student Success grant supported a trip to Camp Daggett’s Adventure Center for the Student Council members. These students spent the day learning about and practicing listening and communication skills, being open to new ideas, participating in fair and equitable group processes, and teamwork. These are leadership skills that will serve them well in their Student Council roles, not to mention in their own personal lives. Superintendent and Principal Wil Cwikiel, reflected on the experience by stating, “The students benefited from the grant by having an enriching experience that helped them learn more about themselves and each other, as well as giving them opportunities to build important leadership skills. The school district will (and has already) benefited from this grant by building the capacity of students to lead with integrity. Students are an important part of school culture...and the more able our students are to lead positively, then the better our school culture will be.”

Two additional Student Success grants also made an impact last year. One helped to purchase new playground equipment specifically designed for their youngest learners, the preschool students. They were even part of the playground equipment selection process which allowed them to feel like “the big kids” with a space belonging just to them. Another helped them to purchase new snowshoes for the school’s outdoor physical education program. All this new equipment allows students of every age to enjoy the outdoors, even in the middle of winter.

Endowments for Student Success can be enriched or established to support students by removing barriers to learning, providing enrichment opportunities, and encouraging students to become successful community citizens. In communities across Charlevoix County, schools provide students with a nurturing place for learning and growing. In addition to engaging activities, challenging concepts, and valuable extra-curricular experiences, schools are increasingly providing food and clothing or support navigating post-secondary career paths. With dedicated school personnel as partners, the Community Foundation can help donors remove barriers to learning as well as increase opportunities for students to achieve. If you would like to donate to either the C3F Beaver Island Endowment for Student Success or the Caitlin Boyle Endowment for Student Success, or to read more about Caitlin’s story, visit their website at www.c3f.org.



The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a grassroots charitable organization made up of various funds – all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. These funds are held in permanent endowment so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come. For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund, or making a gift, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440.



Pierre wants to know if you have a story? Share it with us! To submit your piece for consideration, email our Editor at editor@beaverislandhistory.org



BEAVER ISLAND FILM FESTIVAL

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 21 & 22

WHERE: BIHS PRINT SHOP MUSEUM

WHO: FEATURED DIRECTOR JOHN SAUVE

WHY: SUPPORT THE ARTS & PROMOTE LOCAL OUTREACH

2024 ONGOING HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

June 17-August 12	➤ Marine Museum Mondays: A lunch-hour chat. Pack a lunch and join us for a variety of Maritime presentations	Marine Museum-Masini Welcome Deck
June 19-August 14	➤ Picnic on the patio: A lunch-hour chat. Pack a lunch and join us for a variety of Beaver Island History presentations	Print Shop Patio
June-September	➤ Protar Tours: Wednesdays and Saturdays 1-3 pm	Protar Home
May-November	➤ Beaver Head Lighthouse Tours- Tower Open	Beaver Head Lighthouse

2024 SPECIAL EVENTS

April 5	➤ Northern Islander 1st Anniversary Celebration 7 pm	Print Shop Museum
May 16	➤ Docent Appreciation Luncheon 12 pm	Print Shop Museum
May 18	➤ Museums Open House	Print Shop & Marine Museum
June 1	➤ BIHS Road Rally Time TBD	Ends at Beaver Head Lighthouse
June 13	➤ Volunteer Fair 1-4 pm	Print Shop Museum
July 24	➤ 78'S For The People 7 pm	Print Shop Museum
July 25	➤ Baroque Lecture 7 pm	Print Shop Museum
August 15	➤ BIHS Donor Appreciation Event 7 pm	Print Shop Museum
August 18	➤ Beaver Head Lighthouse Picnic/Tours	Beaver Head Lighthouse
November 4	➤ Beaver Head Lighthouse Reveal-Time TBD	Beaver Head Lighthouse
December 14	➤ Holiday Social 7pm	Print Shop Museum

2024 MUSEUM WEEK- JULY 15-18

Events @ 7 pm/ Art Show 11-4

Monday	➤ Music on the Porch	Print Shop Museum
Tuesday	➤ The Stapletons: Inland Seas Show featuring Musical Sea Shanty's CMU Open House	Print Shop Museum CMU Biological Center
Wednesday	➤ Women's History Day 1 Art Show	Print Shop Museum Gregg Fellowship Center
Thursday	➤ Women's History Day 2 Art Show	Print Shop Museum Gregg Fellowship Center
Friday	➤ Art Show	Gregg Fellowship Center

2024 KIDS CAMP- July 22-26 10-3 pm

Monday	➤ Beaver Tales	Morning meet at school
Tuesday	➤ Archaeology with Paleo Joe	Morning meet at school
Wednesday	➤ Natural History	Morning meet at school
Thursday	➤ Power Book Bags	Morning meet at school
Friday	➤ Community Day	Morning meet at school

2024 BEAVER ISLAND FILM FESTIVAL

September 20 & 21 @ 7 PM

Friday	➤ Short Films - TBD	Print Shop Museum
Saturday	➤ Feature Film: Louder Than Love: The Grand Ballroom Story	Print Shop Museum

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July 14-July 19

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(2) ROUND TRIP TICKETS W/ISLAND AIRWAYS - (2) ROUND TRIP TICKETS W/TIBICO
(2) DAY CAR RENTAL W/DUFFY'S RENTALS
DINNER FOR (2) AT CIRCLE M
\$50 GIFT CARD FOR USE @ SHAMROCK/BEACHCOMBER OR BEAVER LODGE/DADDY FRANK'S
\$25 GIFT CARD @ WILD STRAWBERRY CAFE
\$50 GIFT CARD @ BIC GIFT SHOP/POWERS HARDWARE
\$100 GIFT CARD @ MCDONOUGH'S MARKET
\$100 GIFT CARD @ BEAVER ISLAND GALLERIES
(4) HOUR, 2-SEATER UTV RENTAL W/TIG ROCK RENTAL
GOLF FOR 2 W/CART @ BEAVER ISLAND GOLF COURSE
(2) PIZZAS @ BIC CENTER - BEAVER ISLAND SWAG & MORE!

2ND PRIZE

4 PERSON FISHING CHARTER W/REELLY DAY CHARTERS
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3RD PRIZE

GO PERSON, 2 HOUR JET-SKI RENTAL @ BEAVER ISLAND RENTALS
(1) PIZZA & (2) DRINKS TO GO FROM THE BIC CENTER
(2) BEAVER ISLAND BEACH TOWELS

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Tuesday, July 9 | 7:30
Wednesday, July 10 | 7:30
**SEARCHING FOR EDEN:
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Wednesday, July 31 | 3:00-5:00
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Happy Hour Jazz Standards
Whiskey Point Brewing Company
Ticketed Reserved and Open Seating

Wednesday, August 14 | 7:30
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BEAVER ISLAND WILDLIFE CLUB NEWS

By Jacques LaFreniere

Welcome to our new Board Members- Shelby Harris and Brian Antkoviak. They are replacing retiring board members, Jeff Powers and Jordan Marsh. Rob Ballinger is also leaving the board. We thank them all for their years of service.

Lake Geneserath Fishing Pier to change hands- Beaver Island Wildlife Club will be donating the dock at Lake G to Peaine Township. The Wildlife Club will continue to install and remove the dock each year.

Free Trees and Shrubs: Once again the Wildlife Club will be purchasing trees and shrubs for island property owners to plant. The varieties purchased will be food sources for wildlife and ask that those receiving trees and shrubs fence them in and water/fertilize them as needed. These will be available late April or early May, depending upon their arrival to the island. Watch locally for details on when. Pickup will be at Levi Connor's shed by the road.

Ice Fishing was cancelled. Summer Fishing Tournament in planning stages: The annual Lake G. Ice Fishing Tournament 2024 was cancelled due to poor ice conditions. In its place, the Wildlife Club is considering planning a summer fishing tournament during the Free Fishing Weekend June 8-9. More details will be available in the May edition of the Northern Islander.

Join the Wildlife Club! \$25 a year for an individual, \$75 for 5 years, \$250 Lifetime membership. Youth (under age 18) are \$15 a year. Family (parents and kids under 18) memberships are \$35 a year, or \$110 for 5 years. Send check to Beaver Island Wildlife Club, PO box 335, Beaver Island, MI 49782. Include mailing address and email. Wildlife Club is a 501c3 nonprofit and often receives donations in memory of loved ones, or in honor of a friend or family member.



MY GRANDMOTHER'S TABLE

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OPINION /EDITORIAL

By Bob Tidmore

In 2023, residents of St. James Township incurred a higher property tax levy for the Airport, Transfer Station, Health Center, and Fire Department compared to their counterparts in Peaine Township.

Mileage levy rates should be uniform across each township, as evidenced by the consistent rates for the Beaver Island Library (1.000 mills), EMS (2.900 mills), and other miscellaneous School and County Taxes. Despite this expectation, the tax rates for the aforementioned entities differ for reasons yet to be determined. St. James pays 47.1% of the township airports budget but its taxable value is only 40.3% of the total taxable value of the island.

The imbalance in tax rates for the Airport, Transfer Station, Medical Center, and Fire Department led to St. James taxpayers paying \$30,619 more than Peaine for these operations in 2023.

To address this, Peaine needs to consider raising their taxes, while St. James should contemplate reducing theirs to achieve a balanced levy. This adjustment is feasible for all entities except the Airport, as the equalized millage would fall below the Maximum Allowable voted by Peaine taxpayers. The necessary changes can be implemented during the annual Township budget meeting where mileage rates are established, allowing St. James taxpayers to lower their millage during their own budget meeting.

The table below shows an equalized levy based on the 2023 taxes.

- Max Allowable-The tax rate voted by the township taxpayers.
- Requested-The tax rate approved at the annual budget hearing.
- To Be Equal-What the tax rate should have been in 2023 for the operations to be funded equally.

	Airport Levy		Transfer Station Levy		Health Center Levy		Fire Department Levy	
	Max Allowable	Requested	Max Allowable	Requested	Max Allowable	Requested	Max Allowable	Requested
St James	0.9903	0.9930	1.7330	1.7330	2.0000	2.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Peaine	0.7500	0.7500	1.9347	1.2058	1.9347	1.9347	0.9673	0.9000
To Be Equal		0.8469		1.4183		1.9610		0.9403



Bob Tidmore has been coming to Beaver Island since 1968. He’s a homeowner in Saint James. He’s past Chair of the Saint James Township Planning Commission. And a past member of the Charlevoix County Planning Commission.



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	1 10am COA Cardio Drumming 5pm All You Can Eat Pizza & Salad 5:30pm Pickleball	2 9am Talking Threads 10am COA Chair Yoga 10am Pickleball 10:30am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program 6pm Beaver Island AA Meeting	3 9am Peaine Township Planning Commision 10am COA Cardio Drumming 1pm COA Bingo 1pm St. James Township Finance Committee 3:30pm Facilities Committee Meeting 5pm Time for Art 5:30pm BICS COTW Mtg 7pm Adult Faith Formation	4 10am Pickleball 10am Women's Bible Study 11am Senior Tai Chi 4pm Island Roots Gardening Club 5pm Burger & Beer 5:30pm Emerald Isle Irish Feile Meeting 6pm Beaver Island AA Meeting 6pm Euchre Night at WPBC	5 9am Senior+Vets Coffee & Donuts 10am Pickleball 10:30am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	6 1pm Lego Club 4pm Movie: Wish 6 pm AA Meeting 7pm Movie: Mean Girls
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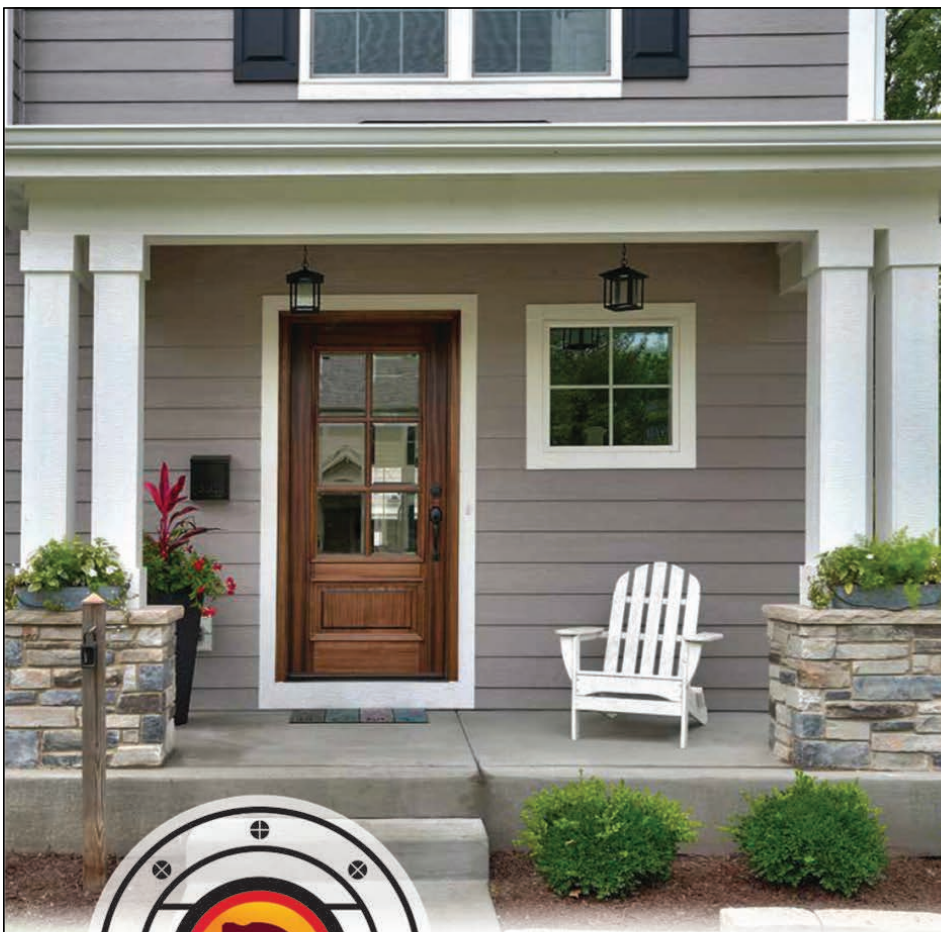
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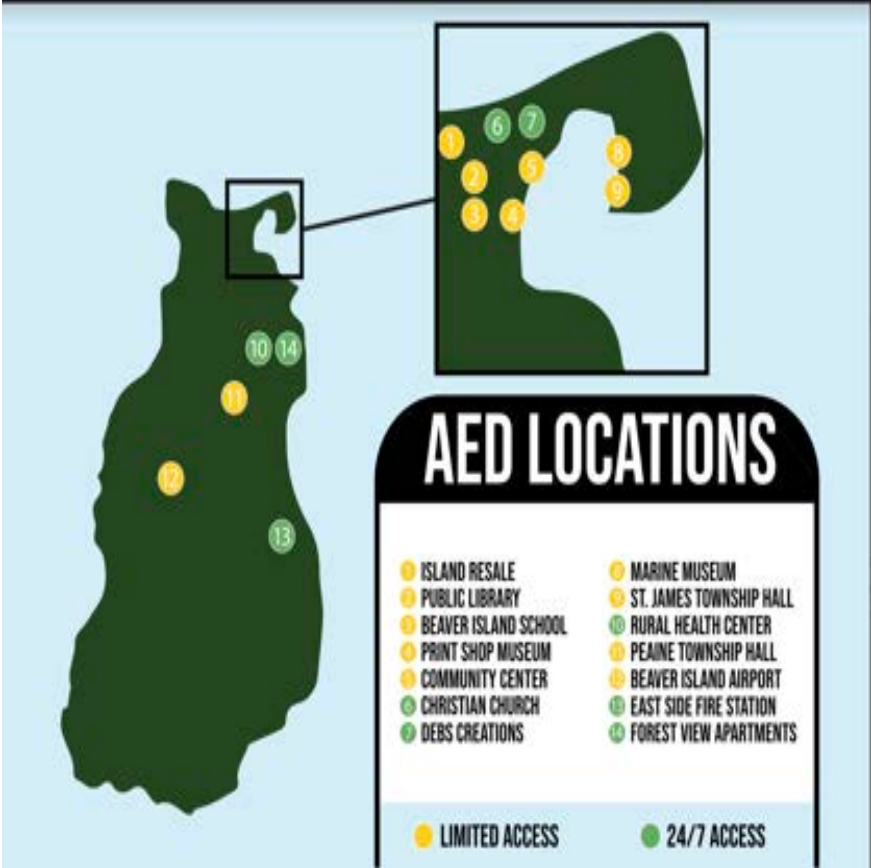
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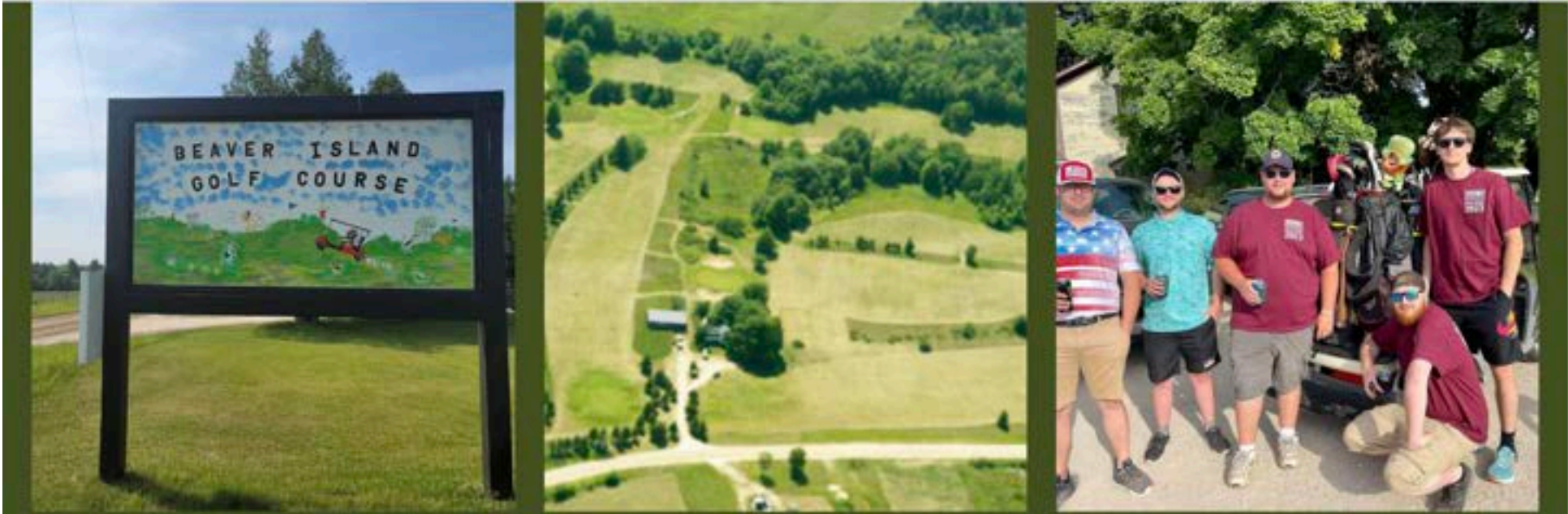
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — M I C H I G A N —

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS FEBRUARY 28, 2024

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on February 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Five Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the appointment of Commissioner Christensen as Vice-Chairperson. 4.1 Nays: Commissioner Christensen.

Motion approved the agenda as amended.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #24-020, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #24-021, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved the appointment of Timothy Kenney as Charlevoix County Commissioner for District 3.

Motion approved Resolution #24-022, Marine Safety Grant Renewal.

Motion approved Resolution #24-023, Probate Detention Services Contract.

Motion approved Resolution #24-024, Beaver Island Meal Program.

Motion approved Resolution #24-025, Elaine Keiser Design Contract for the Commission on Aging Parking Lot Expansion.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 6:29 p.m. Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — M I C H I G A N —

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS MARCH 13, 2024

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on March 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Five Commissioners were present. Excused: Commissioner Jess.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #24-026, County Expenditures.

Motion approved the student appointment of Lindsey Jibson to the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Advisory Board.

Motion approved Resolution #24-027, Amendment of Rules of Procedure.

Motion approved Resolution #24-028, Whiting Park Boat Launch Change Order #3.

Motion approved Resolution #24-029, Whiting Park Boat Launch Rules.

Motion approved Resolution #24-030, Whiting Park Boat Launch Solar Lights.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 10:58 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 7:55 p.m. Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

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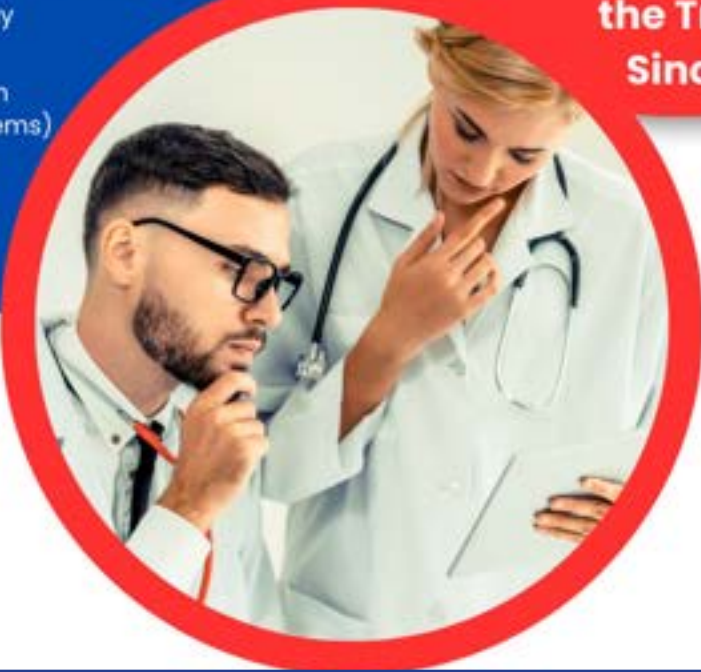
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CALLING OF THE CLANS

By Kathleen McNamara

The Beaver Island Irish Heritage Group board of directors thanks the 170 generous donors who responded to the Calling of the Clans initiative again this year. As a result of the final St Patrick’s Day Push, the fundraiser generated approximately \$28,000.00, in the names of 13 historic Beaver Island families, to be used to host the 4th Emerald Isle Irish Féile in September of this year.

The families, most of them descendants of Beaver Island’s original Irish settlers, vied for the top spot in a competition that started in early February and picked up steam as the March 17 th deadline approached. Each clan’s leader worked behind the scenes to get their clan motivated. The slugging on social media became more intense as each family pushed for the top spot.

The committee is pleased to announce that the McDonough Clan can claim bragging rights by raising over \$8,000.00. Second place in the rankings is the Green/Greene Clan which raised nearly \$6,000.00 in donations, and third place goes to the McCann Clan which raised just over \$2,000.00. The McDonough clan has earned the right to claim the Féile’s Hearth area for display of their Clan photos and heirlooms. All Clans who generated \$1,000 in donations will have their family crest displayed at the festival: Boyle, Connaghan, Gallagher, Gillespie, Martin, McCafferty, McCauley/Malloy, and McNamara.

The funds generated by this initiative are used by the Beaver Island Irish Heritage Group to ensure the longevity of the festival and to make sure that the festival can always bring Féile artists and performers from our sister Island Arranmore, County Donegal, Republic of Ireland. For the 2024 féile, Arranmore Islander Jerry Early is bringing a group that is sure to keep things lively as one of his team, Anne Conaghan is planning to teach us all to dance! Well-known Donegal fiddler, Caoimhin MacAoidh will be collaborating with Beaver Island fiddler, Glenn Hendrix, to keep the Patrick Bonner style of fiddling in the forefront as they share their book Islands of Fiddlers and hold a master fiddler workshop.



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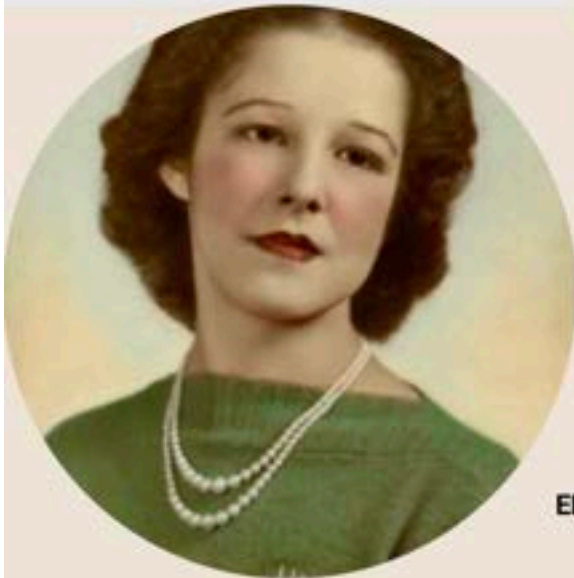
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Each of her five children may tell of their favorites but the grandkids especially Brad, Amy, Deak, and Tim loved her breakfast filled with love. CC's outpost hunters were often treated to these special pancakes in November as Helen was the only female allowed during deer season on Tom McCauley Road until Amy and Claudia.

Tom now uses this recipe for his grandchildren and a 4th generation of hunters and Beaver Islanders who love to share his roots, while the kids refer to them as "Papa's Pancakes", they are indeed a little piece of my Grandma Helen. I am so very proud to be here on Beaver Island and to share our family traditions with each of you. Enjoy our family recipe with a smile and love from good people who loved this island.

THE BLESSING

By Glen Felixson

Back in the early eighties, I was driving boats for Wendella Sightseeing, at the Michigan Avenue bridge in Chicago. It had been a long, busy season. The crisp fall winds were coming off the lake cooling things down. We'd just finished the morning commuters. A little boat ride in the morning and evening from Union Station to the Michigan Avenue bridge, the folks loved it.

Well, we didn't have a trip on the lake until 9 a.m. so the whole crew – Bob, Steve, my deckhand Max, and I – decided to head to Billy Goats Bar and Grill for coffee. We were walking under Michigan Avenue where the boor bums sleep in their cardboard boxes. It's warmer down there. When off in a dark corner stands one of the sorriest sights I've ever seen. A man living under the street who must have gotten the hell beat out of him the night before.

One eye closed, dried blood under his broken nose wearing a rag of a shirt torn open and trying to hold up his pants. Shivering but standing just barely, we asked him if he wanted us to call the cops. "No cops, please". We continued walking on to Billy Goats, got our coffee, and sat around the "wise guys' corner" at the bar when it hit me, this ain't right!

I'm no good Samaritan, but this was too much. I told Sam, the Goat's owner, to get me a large black coffee with two sugars and a double steak and cheese sandwich to go. I poured out half of the coffee and filled the large cup with a half pint of Christian Brothers Brandy, I mean could it be any better? I then headed out the door to the poor guy. The guys looking at me like I am nuts. He's still shivering in that dark corner; I walk up and pop the lid off the hot coffee. You could smell the brandy, and hand him the goods! His eyes brighten up, even the shut one. A quivering toothless smile comes out over the piteous wreck of a face, he starts to cry and in a trembling voice says, "God Bless You".

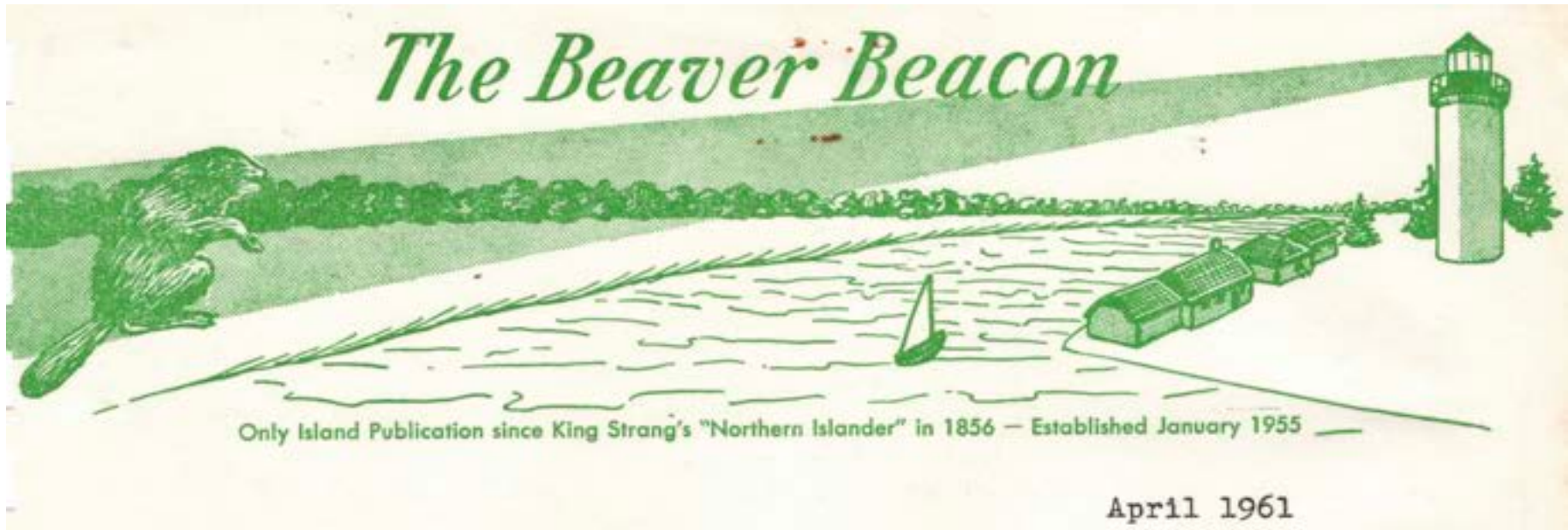
By the look in those old bloodshot eyes, I could tell he was once somebody. A man among men and who knows what brought him to that time and place, what troubled quirk of fate he may have suffered. But then and there, he came back to life, if just for a fleeting moment. Someone cared. There was hope.

I felt blessed as I wiped the tears from my eyes. I smiled and said, "Thank you", for truly I was the one who was blessed. As I returned to Goats, the guys kidded me saying "Well do you feel better now Mr. Good Samaritan?" I did and still do, forty-five years later. I had never seen him before and never saw him again. I wished him well.

Thank you,
Capt. Glen



BLAST FROM THE PAST- STORIES FROM OLD BEAVER BEACONS



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS: We had to change our plans for the St. Patrick's Day party on Beaver Island. Instead of Friday, the Altar Society served a delicious ham dinner on Sunday, March 19th at the Parish Hall. Games were played after the dinner. Rose Connaghan won the drawing for the beautiful set of Ecco knives. Father Lewis says we now have a new attraction for the August homecoming dinner. Rose Connaghan will throw knives!

The kids had their fun on St. Paddy's Day, too. Walt Wojan loaded 26 of the Island youngsters on the back of his truck and took them to Mt. Pisgah for a day of sledding and tobogganning. The kids went on the trip happy, lively and dry. They returned home tired, hungry and many were soaked from the snow. They had lots of fun and no casualties!

PROOF OF THE FACT that the coyotes do a little traveling was uncovered in Levering, Michigan this month. A coyote that was tagged on Beaver Island in August of last year by John Ozaga, Conservation Department agent, was shot in Levering this month. We can be fairly certain that Mr. Coyote didn't swim across, but his feet must have been quite cold after his long hike across the ice!



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By Amy Marschner

The Northern Islander will be launching a new section called “*The Beaver Classifieds*” which will serve as a marketplace section near the back of the newspaper. The ad placements will have a standard size format and will run monthly. All creative will need to be supplied with the specifications outlined by the content due date monthly.

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MEET SPIKE

By George Broder

Spike is just over three years old. He lives on Sand Bay. A mellow fellow, he came here with Kelly Haenni from Tennessee in 2021. He’s named, in part, in honor of the railroad spike my daughter Lauren found on the Kuebler Trail almost 30 years ago.

A foster rescue, he’s a mix of Flat-coat Retriever, Australian Shepherd and Catahoula Leopard Dog. A happy island canine, he loves the water. Going in it, or boat riding on it.

In the winter he likes to scour the beach and bring his finds back home to share. Like a coyote gnawed deer leg two years ago. Favorite hikes include the Seven Bridges and Hidden Valley Trails.

Best doggy pals are Bella, Rowdy, Tilley, Louie, Murphy, Anna and brother Oscar.



MEET COOPER

By Jennifer Welch

Hi my name is Cooper! I am a mini goldendoodle, and this is the story of how I got my forever family!

You see, my sister Natalie was in high school, and my other sister Emily was in college at the time. My human parents both said for years that their lifestyle of sports and never being home contributed to the decision of not getting a dog. Well, due to COVID-19 that all changed, and that is how I became a part of this family.

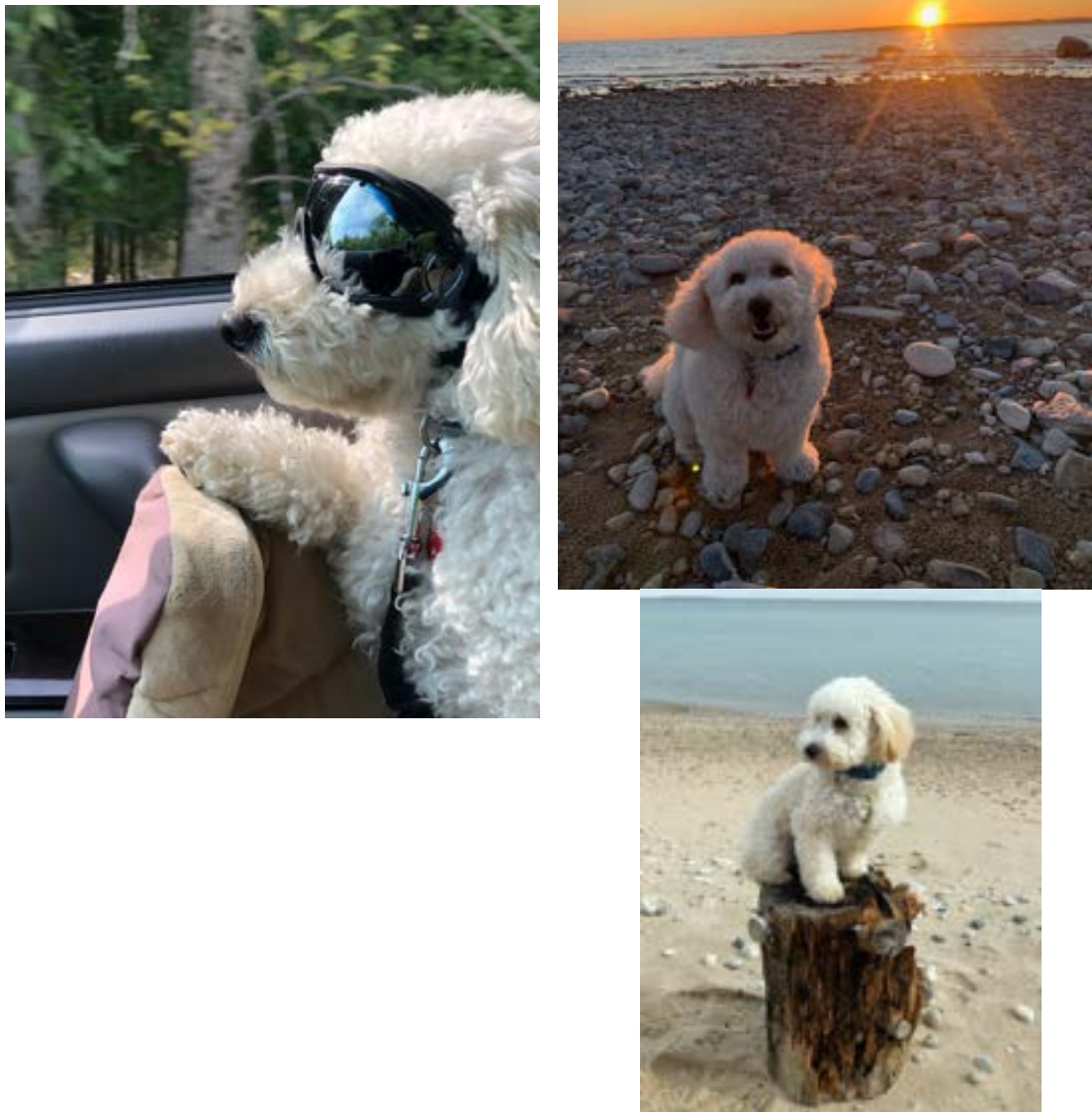
My sister Natalie saw me online because her friend’s adopted my sister. Well, my parents finally broke down and said “yes” so they showed up in Grand Rapids to pick me up one day unbeknownst to me. I could tell they were “newbies” as they only brought a laundry basket with them. I spend most of my early days learning my new environment, playing, and meeting all the other dogs in our cul-de-sac. I learned to play soccer at a very early age and still love the sport today.

I have spent my summers traveling to Beaver Island with my parents, sisters, and Grandpa. I love flying to the island but still enjoy a good boat ride once in a while with my fellow fur friends. I love the island because I can be in my yard with no leash and catch any deer that think my mom’s flowers are their dinner. Beaver Island is my second home and I enjoy the water, woods and peace....but minus the ticks of course.

You might have seen me around as I ride in the car with my “doggies” on and hang my head out of the window. Although they are fun to wear, the glasses keep out the dust (you know how the roads are here) and because I once got stung by a bee in the eye. I love to let the island breeze blow through my ears and smell the fresh air while boodling. You may see my mom and I out hiding painted rocks.

I see you waving to me and I really love that, it makes my day!! I have my own instagram. It’s @365withcooper, feel free to follow me and see where my adventures take me! I hope to meet you on the island soon!

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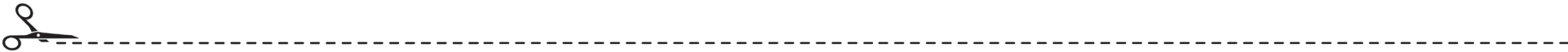
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